



Base Briefs

CORE VALUES TALK

Motivational speaker Dr. Jeffrey Zink will discuss Core Values and how to apply them in daily choices at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Pacific Coast Club.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The 30th Comptroller Squadron closes for an official function at 11 a.m. today. The office re-opens at 8 a.m. Monday. Call 1st Lt. Joanne Finan at 588-0701 for emergencies.

RETREAT CEREMONY

Team V will conduct an inaugural retreat ceremony 4:30 p.m. April 30 at the wing headquarters building.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

Lt. Col. Thomas Steinbrunner assumes command of the 30th Medical Support Squadron from Lt. Col. Steven DeAnda 10 a.m. May 13 at the Pacific Coast Club.

BAH FOR E-4S

A new Air Force policy offers senior airmen with three years time in service the opportunity to move off base. Those senior airmen who decide to remain in unaccompanied housing may do so. Call 606-2590 or 606-3933 for more information.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The 30th Security Forces Squadron's crime prevention office is organizing Vandenberg's first neighborhood watch. They are currently looking for base housing residents who would like to pioneer the organization as part of the planning committee for their block. Call Senior Airman Harris Johnson at 605-2585 for details.

CLEAN-UP DAY

This year's base-wide spring clean-up takes place Monday through May 2.

During the work week, facility managers should clean inside and around their facilities. Areas requiring the attention of the 30th Civil Engineer Squadron should be identified as soon as possible.

On the weekend, military family housing residents are to ensure their yards meet housing standards to include the lawn, edging and shrubs. Housing residents should plan in advance if they will not be around for the weekend. Call 1st Lt. Anthony Morales at 606-5802 for details.

MAMMOGRAPHY SERVICES

Due to the loss of the base's mammography technician, the 30th Medical Group will refer all mammography

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Gravity Probe B lifts off



PHOTO BY BILL HARTENSTEIN

Team Vandenberg successfully launched a Delta II rocket from Space Launch Complex-2 Tuesday at 9:57 a.m. The rocket carried the Gravity Probe-B experiment, a co-developed project between NASA and Stanford University to test Einstein's theory of relativity. The experiment will precisely check tiny changes in the axis of spin of four gyroscopes contained in an Earth satellite orbiting at 400-mile altitude directly over the poles. So free are the gyroscopes from disturbance that they will provide an almost perfect space-time reference system. They will measure how space and time are warped by the presence of the Earth.

Air Force to restart job reservation system May 1

■ **WASHINGTON** — As part of force-shaping efforts, the Air Force will restart the career job reservation system May 1.

The CJR system will reduce career field shortages and overages, and balance the career force within each skill, according to officials. The CJR system allows Air Force officials to limit the number of first-term Airmen re-enlistments in certain skills.

Beginning May 1, all first-term Airmen must have an approved CJR before they may re-enlist. Airmen serving in CJR-constrained specialties must compete for a CJR quota. A list of 30 CJR-constrained specialties can be reviewed at local military personnel flights.

Four-year enlistees may apply for CJRs on the first duty day of the month during which they complete 35 months on their current enlistments, but no later than the last duty day of the month during which they complete 43 months of their enlistments. For six-year

enlistees, the must apply between 59 months and 67 months.

"The CJR system is not new to the Air Force," said Lt. Col. Kim Haney, chief of the skills management branch in the Pentagon. "During our years of poor retention, CJRs became automatic for all first-term Airmen because we needed every Airman to re-enlist in his or her specialty.

Beginning May 1, all first-term Airmen serving in CJR-constrained specialties must compete for a CJR quota. A list of 30 CJR-constrained specialties can be reviewed at the military personnel flight. Call 606-4821 for details.

"Now that our retention has significantly improved, we need to enhance our force-shaping efforts," Colonel Haney said. "So, it is necessary to constrain re-enlistments within certain Air Force specialties."

Call 606-4821 for more information.

Team V promotes 63 in April

Congratulations to the following Team Vandenberg Airmen on their April promotions. The promotees are:

Airman

Michael Abbott, 30th Security Forces Squadron
Jordan Becker, Det. 1, 345th Training Squadron
Jee Chung, Det. 1, 345th TRS
William Considine, 532nd Training Squadron
Russell Crumley, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron
Markus Foster, Det. 1, 345th TRS
Jason Muchow, 533rd Training Squadron
Thomas Ocampo, Det. 1, 345 TRS
James Orend, 532nd TRS
Rheanna Reitan, 30th Medical Operations Squadron
Terrance Scott, 30th Comptroller Squadron
Patrick Tibbett, 533rd TRS
Joseph Torralba, 533rd TRS
Jonathan Weiman, Det. 1, 345th TRS
Stephen Welch, 30th CES

Airman 1st Class

Robert Adams, 532nd TRS
Joshua Anderson, 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Daniel Ankrum, 532nd TRS
Anthony Baker, 532nd TRS
Derek Baker, 532nd TRS
Darnell Banks, 532nd TRS
Patrick Bentley, 532 TRS
Geno Brown, 532nd TRS
John Brown, 532nd TRS
Robert Creen, 532nd TRS

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Team V celebrates Earth Day

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Team Vandenberg celebrated its environmental role with the 4th Annual Earth Day Wednesday at the base exchange. Earth Day began as a way of raising environmental concerns about the Earth's environment. Over time the annual celebration has grown into an event where people rally in support of conserving the nation's resources.

"Earth Day acts as a reminder to turn off lights, compost yard waste, join a car pool, clean a stream, or plant a tree," said Kim Turner, an Earth Day coordinator here. "Simple activities such as these will ensure a better environment for the base, community, county, state, nation and world."

This year Team Vandenberg spent Earth Day becoming more aware of environmental issues and finding ways to contribute time towards improving the environment.

Vandenberg has accomplished so much, and this is a day when the base gets the opportunity to highlight that fact, Mrs. Turner said.

The base has many active projects that help the environment, namely the recycling and clean-up programs and wildlife conservation.

During the Earth Day celebration, Vandenberg energy and environmental partners were given the opportunity to give Team V insight to several issues, including energy conservation, recycling, hazardous waste disposal, air quality and alternative fuels.

Two of the fuels displayed, E85 an ethanol corn and grain-based fuel as well as bio diesel, which comes from used cooking oil and soybean, are each being tested at Vandenberg.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JENNIFER WALLIS

Pat Maloy, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron, discusses recycling used batteries with environmental mascot "Michael Recycle" at Vandenberg's annual Earth Day observance.

Environmental mascot, 'Michael Recycle' (Michael Redfern, a civil engineer environmentalist from Air Training and Education Command), was on hand for Earth Day.

"Earth Day is important as a reminder to be conscious of the environment because sometimes people forget," Mr.

Redfern said. "People don't realize that almost everything is recyclable."

Vandenberg's recycle program recycles glass, paper products, steel, tin and aluminum cans, and plastic, said Pat Maloy, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron.

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New 1.5-mile running track under construction near main gym. See Page A7.



Destinations Central Coast spends a day on the sets of Universal Studios. See Page B1.

Weekend forecast
Sunshine Friday and Saturday. Low clouds and fog by Sunday.
Low/High 43/75
For a full Vandenberg weather report, visit
www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30cog/weather/weather_index.html

Boy Scouts learn valuable skills during camporee

By TIMES STAFF
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ More than 200 Boy Scouts and adult leaders participated in the Live Oak Spring Camporee Saturday and Sunday at Vandenberg.

Vandenberg’s own Troop 394 sponsored the event.

“This was the first camping event for the Live Oak District, since the Santa Maria and Lompoc districts combined, and we wanted to be the first troop to sponsor a camp within the district,”said Master Sgt. Cary Rosson, 30th Space Wing office of the staff judge advocate NCOIC and Troop 394’s committee chairman.

The first day of the camporee started with breakfast and an opening ceremony Saturday morning that started the day with the raising of the Stars and Stripes and reaffirming the Scout Oath and Promise.

The patrols then broke off to the different scouting skill events that were conducted throughout the day. The events consisted of: fire

building, a rope bridge, water bottle rocket competition, pioneering, orienteering (compass reading), and toxic walk.

“It was a very successful weekend,” stated Paul Ladwig, one of the camporee coordinators and Scout Master of Troop 2103, out of Lompoc.

The premise of Boy Scouting is built upon camping and the outdoors, and the boys are taught skills that allow them to work together in teams, to become self-reliant, and to become leaders.

Troop patrols, made up of four to eight boys each, are responsible for setting up their own camp areas, cooking their own meals, as well as clean-up. Everyone is involved which makes for a very efficient process around the camp areas.

The highlight of the weekend was the 76th Helicopter Flight fly-in of a “Huey”.

The helicopter made several passes by the camp area, before landing for a hands on tour of the

bird. Several of the high school age boys surrounded the crew, asking several questions, inquiring how they could become pilots.

The closing ceremony was conducted around a campfire where the troops showed their talent by singing songs and performing skits.

The Order of the Arrow, a group within the Boy Scouts, conducted a call-out of the select few nominated by their troops to join their prestigious ranks.

A flag retirement ceremony culminated the Camporee, with all scouts paying final respects to Old Glory, in a final salute.

Master Sergeant Rosson summed up the weekend by describing it simply as, “Awesome! It was a wonderful sight, seeing all those tents out on the campground field, and I’m left with a great feeling, knowing that we provided such a outstanding event for the scouts.”

For information on how to join a Boy Scouts of America Troop, call Master Sergeant Rosson at 734-1028.

Crime Prevention



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CRAIG CISEK

Todero Francesco gets his fingerprints done during the Crime Prevention Day Saturday at the base exchange by Senior Airman Haris Johnson, 30th Security Forces Squadron.

CLIP AND SAVE!
DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE
Call Airmen Against
Drunk Driving

For a free and confidential
ride home, call Airmen
Against Drunk Driving at
606-AADD or 605-AADD
(2233).

ALCON: *Normal*

A general condition reflecting responsible
alcohol use

AADD saves: 93 DUI totals for the year:7

Days since last DUI: 19

30th OG	0	30th SW	1	614th SOPG	0
30th MSG	2	14th AF	0	381st TRG	2
30th MDG	1	30th LCG	0	576th FLTS	1

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Do the right thing; make the right choices

By COL. FRANK GALLEGOS
30th Space Wing commander

There is no question that the Air Force has high standards. Most of us joined the Air Force because we wanted a challenge...we wanted to do something meaningful in our lives. You should all feel fortunate that you are part of the United States Air Force and a small part of something bigger than yourselves.

According to the Gallup Poll, our nation currently rates the military as the number one credible institution in the country. The reason: because we have standards and because we hold ourselves accountable.

As a result, today's Air Force enjoys the highest public support we have ever had... don't take this fact for granted.

To maintain this support we have to maintain high standards and make the right choices.

Make the right choice when it comes to alcohol related misconduct – it is our no. 1 problem on Vandenberg.

Misuse and abuse of alcohol leads to all kinds of problems from

driving while intoxicated to fights, unwanted sexual advances, domestic violence and many other poor choices.

We're better than that – every one of us. But we have to figure out how to fix this problem before someone is killed.

As part of our plan to help solve this problem, an ethics and leadership seminar will be held here Wednesday and Thursday. The topic of discussion will be our Core Values and how Airmen can apply them to help make the right choices... to do the right thing.

I encourage everyone to help out their fellow Airmen to make the right choices. Don't sit back and let someone you know make a bad decision when it comes to alcohol. Remove them from the situation and help them get home. While it may not be easy at the time, they will thank you the morning after.

I encourage you all to attend one of the Core Values sessions at the base theater. Don't let a poor choice stop you from being able unleash all the talent you have so that we may command our bright future.

Go HAWKS! (Note: See brief on Page A1 for times.)

30th Space Wing vectors

Unleash **L** human talent
Airmen
Wing mission
Knowledge to command the future
Safety

Airmen should make education top priority early in AF career

By TECH. SGT. JOSEPH LAND
533rd Training Squadron

Pursuing an education early in your career is important – take it from me, I know. I've been in the Air Force for 16 years and am preparing for retirement.

Currently, I'm taking classes to finish my Community College of the Air Force degree in Air and Space Operations Technology. To me, it seems late but I have to start somewhere. Educators say it is never too late to start your college education. I feel that there is a better time to start, and that is early in your career. There are several reasons I believe this. First you are given 100 percent tuition assistance. The Air Force pays you to go to college and all you have to do is pay for books.

Secondly, you need a college education for making rank if you plan on making the Air Force a 25-30 year career. If you plan on staying in this long, you should make senior master sergeant or chief master sergeant a top goal and you need college to do it.

Thirdly, this is where I'm at – preparing for retirement. I am a technical sergeant and want to

make master sergeant before retirement. This requires plenty of study time. My college courses will cut into my study time for testing.

All of this studying while balancing time with a wife and two children is stressful. If I would have had this done as an airman, I wouldn't be in this situation.

A good example of why you should finish your college education early in your career is Staff Sgt. Spiridon Tsitsilianos. Sergeant Tsitsilianos entered the Air Force in 1997 with 17 college credits. He now holds three Associate of Applied Science degrees, a Bachelor of Science in business management, and is currently pursuing a Master of Science in space studies. He has applied for Officer Training School and is awaiting board results.

He has the opportunity to become an officer already and has the education to rise through the senior enlisted ranks.

Now you have an example from each end of the spectrum. One waited until four years before retirement to start his degree and one has several degrees in the first seven years of his career.

You choose who you want to be.

4th SLS... Zero to Blue in two months!

By LT. COL. LEE ROSEN
4th Space Launch Squadron commander

The Inspector General inspection was tough. Getting a rating of outstanding was tougher. Standing up a new squadron and getting an outstanding is impossible...right? Wrong! Just ask the men and women of the fabulous 4th Space Launch Squadron.

With hard work, attention to detail, and a little bit of surf attitude, the 4th SLS put together a "zero discrepancy" performance on the compliance inspection, and contributed to the wing's "outstanding" rating in spacelift operations. They were also recognized with five strengths, three professional performers, 2nd Lt. Dave Romero, Tech. Sgt. Gary Garver and Tech. Sgt. Chuck Spice, and two professional teams; not bad for a new, hybrid squadron of just 50 military members and support contractors.

The 4th SLS is riding the wave of the newest space launch system here at Vandenberg, the Evolved, Expendable Launch Vehicle. The Boeing Delta IV at Space Launch Complex 6 and the Lockheed Martin Atlas V at Space Launch Complex-3 East fall under the purview of the 4th SLS. They are responsible for working directly with the contractors to ensure mission success, and provide risk assessment and mission assurance for the government. Think of them as the government's insurance policy for launch!

Together with their contractor counterparts, the 4th SLS will help launch National Reconnaissance Office satellites in March 2005 from SLC-6 and October 2005 from SLC-3. After achieving an IG outstanding, the 4th SLS stands ready for their ultimate blue rating: satellites over the top in deep blue picture perfect polar orbits – 100 percent mission success, period, dot (blue dot that is)!



HAWKS' Point of View

"Why is Earth Day important?"



"It reminds us to keep the air, water and ground clean for our children and wildlife." – Staff Sgt. Heather Elliot, 30th Medical Group

"Because this is our kids' future and we have to take care of it now." – Tech. Sgt. Ernest Castillo, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron



"You've got to know what's good and bad for the environment." – Tech. Sgt. Vincent Travali, 381st Training Support Squadron

"It reminds us to be safe with our environment." – Senior Airman Rosamaria Alvarado, 30th Services Squadron



Hometown: Fombell, Penn.
Time in service: 13 years, 5 months
Time on station: 1 year
Role in mission: Missile Maintenance Instructor
How do you contribute to the wing mission? We train Minuteman technicians on the unique elements here at Vandenberg.
What do you like best about the Air Force? The people I have met and the opportunity to be able to do something good for the country.
If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be? Easier healthcare options
How do you fulfill the Air Force core values? 1) Remaining honest and true about the procedures in my current position 2) After making Minot AFB, N.D., home for 12 years, the AF needed Airmen here at Vandenberg so we packed up and we moved.
What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force? Participating in Guardian Challenge and our team won the Best Missile Maintenance Team and Best Missile Squadron.
Who is your role model and why? Master Sgt. Shane Finders because he has shown me what it takes to be an outstanding leader.
Favorite movie: Lethal Weapon
Hobbies: Hunting, motorcycles

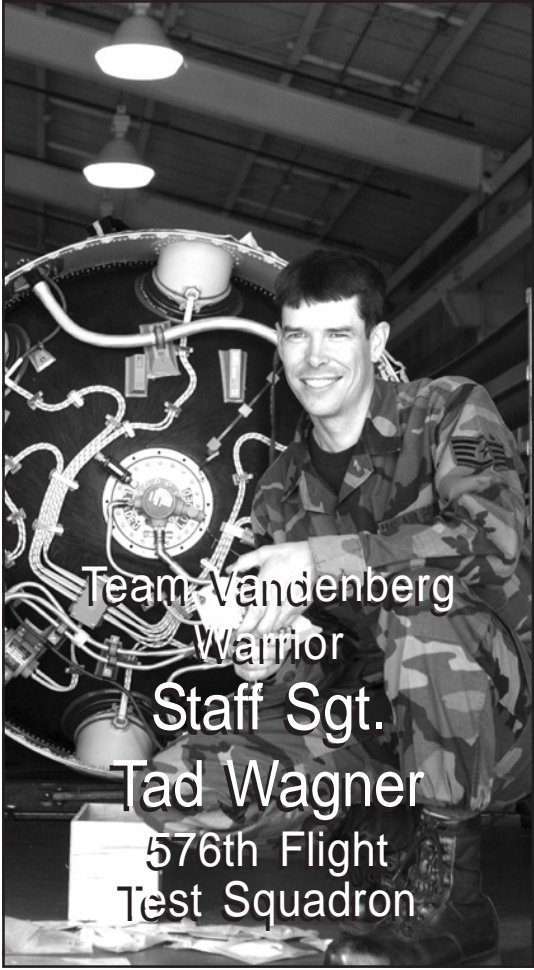


PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CRAIG CISEK

Do you have a perspective or experience you want to share with Team V?

Write about it and E-mail it to SMT@vandenberg.af.mil or call 606-3595.

Hometown: Arlington, Texas
Stationed at Vandenberg since: Sept. 2002 (working at 576th Flight Test Squadron since Sept. 2003)
Role in mission: Secretary for 576th FLTS
How do you contribute to the wing mission? I coordinate all squadron correspondence and directives for commander approval and signature. I also schedule appointments and meetings between squadron leadership and intra-squadron agencies.
What do you like best about the Air Force? Being able to travel to different parts of the world.
If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be? I would like to see the Airmen at all ranks receive better pay based on what they would receive in the civilian sector.
How do you fulfill the Air Force core values? I strive everyday to be courteous, professional and set the customer-service example for others to follow.
What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force? Traveling around Europe during my husband's tour in Germany.
How would you improve life at Vandenberg? Have more family-oriented places on the base. For example, a recreation center with pool tables, video games, restaurants and a pet park (a place where pets can run off-the-leash).
Who is your role model and why? My parents. They have always shown us that hard work and honesty are the best ways to proceed in life.
Who is your favorite leader in history and why? JFK, because he set the foundation for many of the ideas that we as Americans live by today.
Favorite movie: Pretty Woman
Hobbies: Reading, spending time with my family.

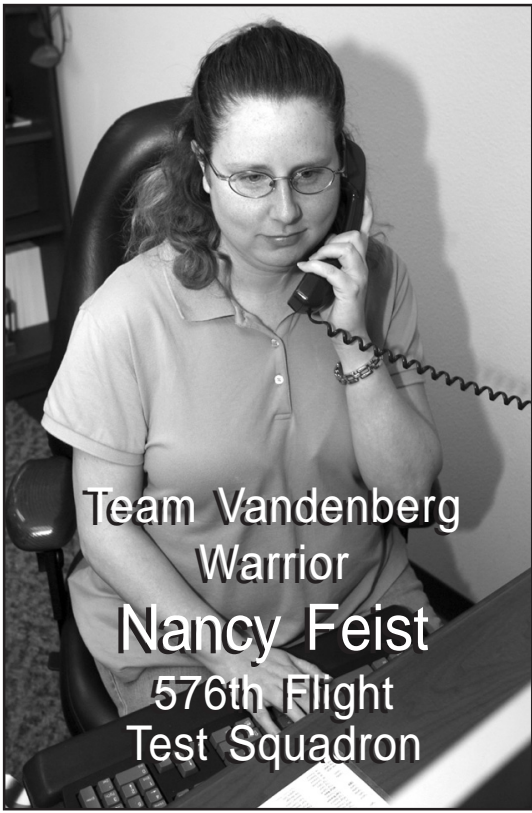


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Commander's Action Line

Call 606-7850 or E-mail your message to actionline@vandenberg.af.mil



Col. Frank Gallegos commander

use your chain of command. Talk to your supervisors, first sergeants, services officials and other base professionals and give them a chance to solve your problem first.

Working together, we will enrich the 30th SW mission performance and the quality of life of our Airmen.

When calling the action line, leave your name and phone number in case more information is needed.

Go HAWKS!



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CRAIG CISEK

Col. Frank Gallegos, 30th Space Wing commander, speaks with members of the 76th Helicopter Flight April 16 during a visit to Vandenberg’s Guardian Challenge teams. Air Force Space Command’s premier space and missile competition begins May 3 here.

Crimebeat ...

COMPILED BY MASTER SGT. WESLEY ASLESON
30th Security Forces Squadron

April 15
Suspicious box - 6:56 a.m.
A civilian employee reported a large unattended box outside of Bldg. 10577. Investigation revealed the box was empty and appeared to have blown out of an adjacent dumpster.

Domestic dispute - 1:35 p.m.
A civilian employee reported a domestic disturbance at a home on Hillside Court after an Airman’s wife, who was an acquaintance, called her. Investigation revealed the Airman and his wife argued in their private vehicle and continued after arriving at their home. The wife said her arm was injured after the Airman grabbed her and the Airman was injured when she scratched his face during the disagreement. The Airman departed the quarters prior to police arrival. However, he was detained later entering the installation. He was apprehended for battery and released to his first sergeant.



April 16
Deadly mix - 1:30 p.m.
An Airman’s wife reported discovering a suspicious bag of dog food in her backyard at her home on Heath Street. Investigation revealed the food was apparently mixed with gasoline and anti-freeze.

April 17
Underage drinking - 4:45 a.m.
An Airman requested assistance at the Minuteman Dormitory after being locked out of his room. Patrolmen responded and investigation revealed the intoxicated Airman was requesting

entry to a female Airman’s room. He was identified under age 21 and apprehended for Failure to Obey a Regulation. His breath content registered .11. He was released to his first sergeant.

Child’s play – 7:15 p.m.
The main gate sentry reported a juvenile climbing the installation fence at the rear of the visitor control center adjacent to a home on Rolling Hill Drive. The contractor’s son was detained along with an Airman’s daughter and another Airman’s son. Patrolmen determined the Airman’s son did not have his identification card on him to sponsor anyone and convinced the contractor’s son to jump the fence. The sponsors of the juveniles were briefed.

April 18
Reckless driving – 3:15 a.m.
Patrolmen stopped a vehicle on California Blvd. for entering the oncoming lane while swerving in and out of the traffic cones. The vehicle operator was apprehended for Reckless Driving and released to his first sergeant.

Jailed Airman – 5 a.m.
A routine check of the local jails revealed an Airman in the San Luis Obispo County Jail for public intoxication. His unit first sergeant was briefed.

Use Your Head!
The Department of Defense mandates all personnel (including dependents, contractors, retirees, etc.) who ride bicycles on an installation to wear an approved (i.e. American National Standards Institute or Snell Memorial Foundation) bicycle helmet. With safety in mind, the installation commander has gone one step further in the helmet requirement, and included rollerbladers, skateboards, and scooters, etc. (non-motorized conveyances which propels you faster than running). Although California law limits the wear of helmets for these conveyances to those less than 18 years of age, the Department of Defense and installation commander policy does not.

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services to the civilian community. Active-duty Airmen will require a referral from their primary care manager prior to seeing a doctor. All others may be eligible to self refer to a network facility. For additional information, call (800) 242-6788 or visit the TriCare Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil.

ZERO TOLERANCE
The 30th Space Wing has zero tolerance for sexual assault and sexual harassment. In an effort to increase awareness of the issue, the wing has activated a Sexual Assault Prevention Task Force led by the 30th SW vice commander.

ENLISTED WIDOWS/WIDOWERS
A widow or widower of a retired enlisted member who is 55 or older and possesses a valid retired military identification card may be eligible to live at the Air Force Enlisted Village in Shalimar, Fla. Those

widowed spouses may also be eligible for rent subsidy. Call (800) 258-1413 or visit the Village’s Web site at www.afenlistedwidows.org for more information.

ALCOHOL MISUSE
There have been 26 alcohol related incidents at Vandenberg in 2004, including 7 DUIs. Vandenberg has an active Airmen Against Drunk Driving program, which has had 87 saves this year. Call AADD at 606-2233 for a free ‘no questions asked’ ride home.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES
Recreational vehicles may be parked in base housing areas for no more than 72 hours for loading, unloading or cleaning. RVs are defined as boats, campers, cargo trucks, motor homes and pick-up campers. Call 606-3795 for details.

321ST REUNION
A reunion is scheduled from August 13-15 at Grand Forks AFB, N.D. for all former members of the 321st wing or

group. For more information visit the Web site at www.gfservices.com/321/. Anyone that was assigned to the wing or associated units is invited to attend.

TRICARE COUNSELING
Counselors are available at Vandenberg for TriCare members who need debt counseling due to non-payment of medical or dental services. The counselors work to troubleshoot all TriCare and military health care system issues and concerns. To speak with counselors or for more information, call Bonnie Robles at 606-7483 or Judith Monroe at 606-6785.

YARD SALES
Lawn, carport and garage sales are permitted twice a year and just prior to leaving the home. Sales are limited to daylight hours and no more than three consecutive days. Signs must be removed at the end of each day, and cannot be posted on telephone, power or street light poles, street signs, trees or mailboxes. Unsold items may not be left outside the home once the sale is over.

This week in history ...

COMPILED BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
JUANIKA GLOVER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

April 18
1775 – In Massachusetts, British troops march out of Boston on a mission to confiscate the Patriot arsenal at Concord and to capture Patriot leaders Samuel Adams and John Hancock, known to be hiding at Lexington. As the British departed, Boston Patriots Paul Revere and William Dawes set out on horseback from the city to warn Adams and Hancock and rouse the Patriot minutemen.

1983 – The U.S. embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, is almost completely destroyed by a car-bomb explosion that kills 63 people, including the suicide bomber and 17 Americans. The terrorist attack was carried out in protest of the U.S. military presence in Lebanon.

April 19
At about 5 a.m., 700 British troops, on a mission to capture Patriot leaders and seize a Patriot arsenal, march into Lexington to find 77 armed minutemen waiting for them on the town’s common green. Suddenly, the “shot heard around the world” was fired from an undetermined gun, and a cloud of musket smoke soon covered the green. When the brief Battle of Lexington ended, eight Americans lay dead or dying and 10 others were wounded. Only one British soldier was injured, but the American Revolution had begun.

1995 – Just after 9 a.m., a massive truck bomb explodes outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The blast collapsed the north face of the nine-story building, instantly killing more than 100 people and trapping dozens more in the rubble. Emergency crews raced to Oklahoma City from across the country, and when the rescue effort finally ended two weeks later the death toll stood at 168 people killed, including 19 young

children who were in the building’s day-care center at the time of the blast.

April 20
1943 – 7th Air Force B-24s made the first attack on the South Pacific island Tarawa.

April 21
1911 – Lieutenants T.D. Milling and H.H. Arnold are ordered to Dayton, Ohio for flying instructions.

April 22
1908 – Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. accompanied by two officers made a balloon ascent lasting four hours, 30 minutes.

1915 – German forces shock Allied soldiers along the western front by firing more than 150 tons of lethal chlorine gas against two French colonial divisions at Ypres, Belgium. This was the first major gas attack by the Germans, and it devastated the Allied line.

April 23
1975 – At a speech at Tulane University, President Gerald Ford says the Vietnam War is finished as far as America is concerned. He said, “Today, Americans can regain the sense of pride that existed before Vietnam. But it cannot be achieved by re-fighting a war.” This was devastating news to the South Vietnamese, who were desperately pleading for U.S. support as the North Vietnamese surrounded Saigon for the final assault on the capital.

April 24
1800 – President John Adams approves legislation to appropriate \$5,000 to purchase “such books as may be necessary for the use of Congress,” thus establishing the Library of Congress. The first books arrived from London in 1801 and were stored in the U.S. Capitol, the library’s first home. The first library catalog, dated April 1802, listed 964 volumes and nine maps. Twelve years later, the British invaded and burned the Capitol, including the 3,000-volume Library of Congress.

Promotions

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Around the Air Force

Airman receives Purple Heart

By STAFF SGT. MELANIE STREETER
Air Force Print News

■ Airman 1st Class Scott Palomino received the Purple Heart and an Air Force Commendation Medal from Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper at Walter Reed Army Medical Center on Tuesday.

Airman Palomino is a surveillance technician from the 603rd Air Control Squadron based at Aviano Air Base, Italy. He was wounded April 10 when a mortar round exploded in his tent at Balad AB, Iraq. That wound resulted in the amputation of Airman Palomino’s leg below the knee.

Besides General Jumper, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray visited Airman Palomino at Walter Reed and thanked him for his service.

Meeting General Jumper and Chief Murray is not something most 19-year-old Airmen are used to, but Airman Palomino said he is getting used to it.

“At first, it’s a little bit intimidating,” he said. “But then it made me realize, hey, the Air Force is really taking care of me.”

That care may be why Airman Palomino is not ready to leave the Air Force, despite his injury.

“I want to stay in,” he said. “And a lot of people tell me they don’t think it will be a problem.”

Airman Palomino will stay at Walter Reed throughout the healing process. There, he will be fitted for a variety of prosthetics and undergo physical therapy to help him use the devices.

Wearable computers move to flightline

By SENIOR AIRMAN TIM BECKHAM

116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

■ Maintenance is about to change because of new tools maintainers

will have at their disposal.

Through a pilot program at the 116th Air Control Wing here, 116th Maintenance Group workers are beginning to integrate a new wearable computer, which can be used across the maintenance spectrum.

The small personal computers can be worn either on the chest or hip and are being tested as a possible replacement for printed manuals currently used.

“With (the) integrated electronic technical manual, the flightline mechanic will have access to a wealth of information needed to perform (his or her) duties,” said Tech. Sgt. Matt Jones, the electronic manual’s project manager.

“Having these tools at the maintainers’ fingertips is actually a virtual office on the flightline,” said Col. Terry Kinney, 116th MXG commander. “It will have much of the same desktop software that we currently use, like e-mail capabilities and the capabilities to identify, order, ship and pay for parts directly from the flightline.”

The computers will also have an electronic copy of technical orders, which maintainers use to perform their jobs. Not only will maintainers have their TOs at their disposal, but they will also be able to send video of damages back to the shop and aircraft engineers through a wireless network.

Bagram Airmen receive taste of America

By MASTER SGT. JEFF SZCZECHOWSKI

455th Expeditionary Operations Group Public Affairs

■ **BAGRAM AB, Afghanistan** — With hand-written messages like, “We support you 100 percent,” and “Thanks for protecting our country,” on every package, reinforcements recently arrived here from the United States.

More specifically, about 150

boxes of Girl Scout cookies sent by Brownie Troop 2859 from Marlboro, Mass., showed up at the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group, bringing a smile and a taste of America to hundreds of Airmen deployed here.

Airman 1st Class Donald Wilburn, of the 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, said that it was very nice of the Brownies to send the cookies, adding that “things like that are always appreciated out here.”

The cookies were originally intended for Massachusetts Army National Guard Soldiers serving in Iraq, but the “Operation Good Cookies” plan changed when the Brownies discovered that the Soldiers were on their way back home.

The Brownies collected \$400 worth of cookies to send to the Airmen here.

The 455th EOG Airmen said they plan to send a thank-you letter to the Brownie troop, along with an American flag flown over the base.

JEFX 04 Spiral 2 showcases future of air battle management

■ **HANSCOM AFB, Mass.** — Responding quickly to lessons learned in operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, the Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment 04 showcased the future of air battle management command and control.

The experiment, the Air Force’s primary venue for innovative command and control technology and processes, ended its Spiral 2 integration event at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., recently. The event laid the foundation for the experiment’s “dress rehearsal” at Spiral 3 in May, to be followed by the main experiment in July and August. Successful command-and-control initiatives and other innovations

Shadow Soldiers



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. AARON ALLMON II

BALAD AB, Iraq — U.S. Air Force tactical air patrol party Airmen and Soldiers with the U.S. Army’s 1st Infantry Division conduct a patrol here April 11. The Air Force tactical air patrol party Airmen are assigned to the 116th Expeditionary Air Support Operations Squadron.

will begin entering the field during the next six to 18 months.

ASVAB changes will not mean lower standards

By STAFF SGT. C. TODD LOPEZ

Air Force Print News

■ The Air Force will adjust the cutoff score used to gauge new recruits taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery in July.

The change — from 40 to 36 — does not mean the Air Force is lowering its standards, said Tina Strickland, chief of Air Force testing policy and research integration.

“We don’t want people to think we are lowering the standard of quality coming into the Air Force,” Ms. Strickland said. “It appears that way because 36 is lower than 40, but it will still be the same quality of applicants we are accepting into the Air Force today.”

The change in cutoff is because Department of Defense officials are “renorming” the test, Ms. Strickland said.

Test takers get a raw score — the number of questions scored correctly. But, Ms. Strickland said, DOD officials are more interested in where the test taker stacks up

against a sample, or “normative,” group of test takers. A population of 18- to-25-year-olds who took the test in 1980 is currently considered to be the normative group.

The test’s score reported is actually a percentile, or a number indicating how many people the test taker scored higher than, Ms. Strickland said. If a recruit takes the test today and scores an 85 that actually means he did better on the test than 85 percent of the test takers in the 1980 group.

Online system reduces trips to education office

By STAFF SGT. C. TODD LOPEZ

Air Force Print News

■ Four features now available under the Air Force’s virtual education system give Airmen more control of their academic pursuits.

The Air Force Virtual Education Center is a Web-based system available to the total force that allows Airmen to do many of the things online that once required a trip to a base education office.

Airmen with accounts on the virtual center can now update personal data through the

system, including rank, duty phone, and e-mail and postal mailing addresses.

New features allow users to view a complete history of their enrollment in courses taken using tuition assistance. Users will also be able to access a list of notifications concerning missing grades and payment suspenses, and they can check Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support and College-Level Examination Program test results.

The virtual center came online in early 2003 and was designed to streamline the process of participating in off-duty education, said Jim Sweizer, Air Force chief of voluntary education.

“The system is taking all the things we used to do in the old days on paper and trying to move them into the virtual world,” he said. “This is part of a customer service transformation.”

The center’s development is in line with similar developments in the civilian world. Being able to make payments online or to conduct business without leaving your home is something Airmen are familiar with and demand, Mr. Sweizer said.

76th Helicopter Flight soars for success during Guardian Challenge 2004

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUANIKA GLOVER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs
Editor's note: This article is the last in a series of four articles that highlight each of this year's Guardian Challenge teams.

For Guardian Challenge 2004, Team Vandenberg's 76th Helicopter Flight GC team plans to fly and maneuver their way into the winner's circle, leaving the competition in the dust.

The 76th HF members will go up against Malmstrom, F.E. Warren and Minot Air Force Bases for the title of 'The best helicopter flight' in Air Force Space Command.

In order to do that, the team must represent their ability to work well together as a team while performing specific tasks required by the judges.

According to Kevin Tuftee, 76th HF crew chief, the team will be judged mainly on their speed and thoroughness.

"We will be required to do an aircraft reconfiguration course," said 1st Lt. Lindsay Carl 76th HF pilot. "We will be tested on flight planning, navigation and time on target elements as well as being tested on a hover course."

The team will be judged on

how well they navigate during the hover course carrying a bucket of water. At the end of the competition, the bucket is measured for water loss and points are subtracted based on the amount of water lost.

The aircraft reconfiguration means they must be able to change the aircraft's ability to hold a certain amount of personnel with possible injuries during an emergency at any given time, Lieutenant Carl said.

She said her biggest worry about the competition is the surprises the judges will spring on them.

But Mr. Tuftee is confident. "The Helicopter Team was ready and we will have no problem winning," he said.

Col. Frank Gallegos, 30th Space Wing commander, came out to see just how ready the team was April 16.

During his visit, he encouraged the team to come together with their team members and do they best they could. He also advised them to do some training with the Security Forces Team for physical fitness.

When commenting on her teammates, Lieutenant Carl said they have a great working environment.

"All the members of the team bring valuable information to the table and we each do our best to do what is best for the team," the lieutenant said.

"It's is the aircraft commander that makes all final decisions, but it's important that he has a crew he can trust to give accurate, timely and professional input."

Lieutenant Carl said the task she thinks will be the most challenging is the hover competition, because during this time of the year Vandenberg has the potential to be very windy.

But on the other hand, she said she's most confident about the navigation competition because unlike the other teams,

they have plenty of experience flying over Vandenberg.

"We've trained extensively here on a weekly basis and can navigate through just about any valley from here to Paso Robles and back down to Santa Barbara even without a global positioning satellite," Lieutenant Carl said.

Along with Mr. Tuftee and Lieutenant Carl, the 4-member team also includes Staff Sgt. Bryan Waits and Capt. Ryan Dahlin.

Sergeant Waits, flight engineer, works as the eye in the back of the helicopter that sees what the pilots cannot.

He said he has worked hard with his trainer and teammates to remain focused on their goal of winning.

"I'm a little nervous and I don't want to let my team down, but with the help of our trainer and my teammates, I hope to live up to their expectations," Sergeant Waits said.

Captain Dahlin, director of life support, said he's looking forward to seeing how well the team works against the other units and he's excited to find out where their level of expertise is at in comparison with the other teams.

"I'm sure we won't have any problems," he said.

To get prepared for the competition, Captain Dahlin said he takes care of himself

spiritually, mentally and physically.

He said he thinks his ability to adapt and be flexible along with his sound decision making skills will help put the team at the top of their game.

Although all the team members are first-time Guardian Challenge competitors, they have put in a lot of time working hard towards winning and they seem quite confident about winning.

"The competition is coming to our house and we're bringing our A game!" Lieutenant Carl said.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. LEEANN SUNN-WAGNER

Pilots from the 76 Helicopter Flight practice a deep-water extraction training April 14 .

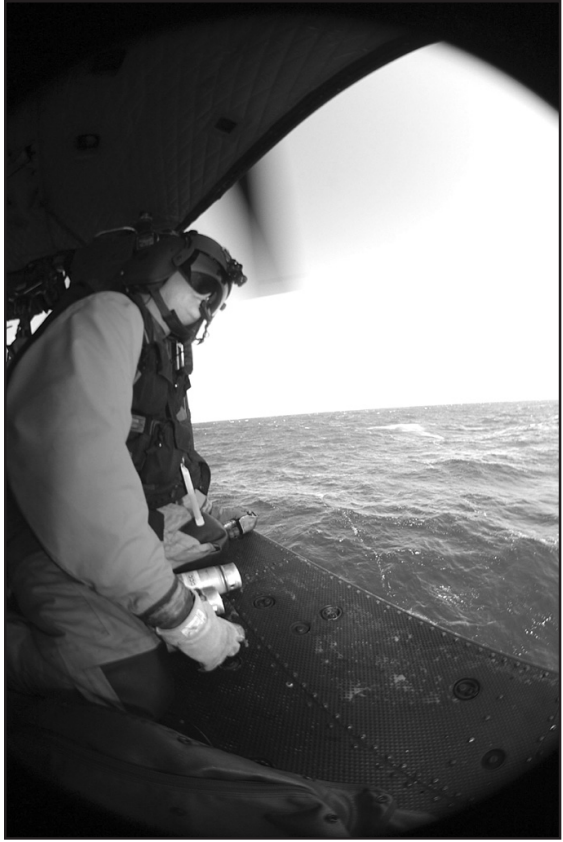


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The Guardian Challenge 2004 Helicopter Team will be tested in several categories to include a hover test, aircraft reconfiguration, flight planning and navigation.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CRAIG CISEK

Col. Frank Gallegos, 30th Space Wing commander, visits member of the Vandenberg's Guardian Challenge Helicopter Team April 16. Captain Ryan Dahlin, 1st Lt. Lindsay Carl, Staff Sgt. Bryan Waits and Kevin Tuftee are all first-timers on the GC team.

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Team Vandenberg 1st Lieutenant gets unexpected opportunity to try out for 2004 Olympic games

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUANIKA GLOVERSS
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Team Vandenberg member earns the chance to compete for a shot at the Olympics during Olympic tryouts in Indianapolis next month.

1st Lt. Anthony Brooker, a first-year member of the Air Force wrestling team, got the opportunity during the U.S. National Wrestling Championships April 9 in Las Vegas when another wrestler withdrew from the competition due to an injury.

Lieutenant Brooker, 76th Helicopter Flight pilot, won the consolation quarter final, and became eligible for the trials.

As a second-generation wrestler, Lieutenant Brooker said he was inspired to wrestle by his father, a former wrestler, who is also a member of the U.S. Marines.

Lieutenant Brooker said he began wrestling in junior high school and now 12 years later he hopes to show his skills to the world.

“Right now, my goal is to make it there,” Lieutenant Brooker said. “I’ll worry about what happens when I get there. But I’m just really happy that I’ve made it this far.”

To make it to the Olympic tryouts, the members of the Air Force wrestling team had to

win their respective weight class, and then win the nationals.

“Sometimes people don’t know what it takes to get there. It’s a lot of hard work and a very long process,” said Lieutenant Brooker who competes in the 121-pound division.

“I just didn’t wake up one day and decide to win a spot on the team, it takes practice.”

Because Lieutenant Brooker doesn’t have the resources or the wrestling environment he needs here, he said it’s important that he gets the practice time in with other wrestlers.

Lieutenant Brooker will get that opportunity to train at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. throughout the next couple of weeks until the trials.

“Because I’m a first-year wrestler, it will really help me to practice with people who have experience in this,” Lieutenant Brooker said.

“All the other guys on the team are veterans and they’ve

been competing on this team and in other competitions before.”

With respect to his teammates, Lieutenant Brooker said that although their ranks varied, they are like mentors to him.

“The guys on my team are really good at what they do,” he said. “I have a lot to learn from them.

“The people I compete against are year-round athletes. Some of those people have sponsors and extensive training regiment,” Lieutenant Brooker said. “Wrestling is their fulltime job. However, I put in time to practice during my off time, so my goal is to close the gap between myself and those

people who have more practice time in than me.

“I would like to put myself in a position to do as much as I can even though I don’t have 100 percent of my time to put into this.”

Lieutenant Brooker said that although he would like the opportunity to go to the Olympics, if he didn’t get there it

wouldn’t affect his views on wrestling.

“This is my first time trying out for the Olympics, so if I don’t make it, that’s alright. I will still work hard at making it the next time around,” he said. “I represent the Air Force and it’s high standard of excellence so while I’m training I’ll keep that in mind.”

Although Lieutenant Brooker will be the only person from Vandenberg going to the Olympic tryouts he has the support of Team Vandenberg and his flight behind him.

“We’re extremely proud of him,” said Maj. Greg Urtso, 76th HF commander. “Lieutenant Brooker’s situation is comparable to a new guy who just walks onto the football field of a professional NFL team and makes it on the team. He’s lucky and I think it’s a great success story.

“This is quite significant because unlike some of the other wrestlers, he’s a fulltime pilot and he’s doing this,” the commander added. “It’s exceptional and everyone here at the 76th HF are rooting for him.”

If Lieutenant Brooker wins a spot at the Olympics, he will go on to compete and represent the United States during the men’s wrestling competition in Athens, Greece August 22. He will compete for a bronze, silver or gold medal along with 344 other wrestlers from around the globe.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY 76TH HELICOPTER FLIGHT

1st Lt. Anthony Brooker, 76th Helicopter Flight pilot, got the opportunity to go to the Olympic trials when he won the consolation quarter final during the U.S. National Wrestling Championships April 9 and 10. Lieutenant Brooker will tryout for the Olympic Games May 21 to 23 in Indianapolis.

Diggin’ for fitness



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CRAIG CISEK

Chad McGray of Santa Maria Electric is digging to prepare for construction of a new 1.5 mile running course near the fitness center. The fitness center, 30th Services Squadron, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron, and the 30th Space Wing’s safety office coordinated efforts to support the new Air Force fitness requirements by constructing another place for Team Vandenberg members to jog. Construction on the project began April 12 and is expected to be completed by the end of June. Before construction began, base officials opted to have the old exercise path expanded to do that they decided on converting it into the new 1.5 mile running course, so that Team V members could have a precise measurement of how far they have to run for the new fitness standards. The path will be graded and widen into a smooth running surface when finished. This new running path will also have low ambient lighting so that fitness center patrons may jog during the dawn and twilight hours. The path will also have new exercise stations installed along the path.

Blow the whistle on ASTHMA

Come out and join the Vandenberg Team at the annual Asthma Walk May 1 at Ryon Park in Lompoc from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Pie-in-the-face contest and Shark Roast barbecue

Today at 3 p.m. in Cocheo Park. The contest begins at 4 p.m. and the ceremonial Shark Roast begins at 5 p.m. This event is a fundraiser held to help support the Guardian Challenge competitors.



Call 2nd Lt. Clint Townsend at 605-7916 for more information



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SPACE & MISSILE TIMES

April 23, 2004

where adults can be kids

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUANIKA GLOVER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

For my most recent adventure, my friend Felicia Williams and I decided to spend the day in Los Angeles at Universal Studios where we could have a good time behaving immaturely without being embarrassed.

Aside from bouncing around the park like children, we spent our time trying to get photos with 'Beetle Juice,' 'The Cat in the Hat' and 'Chuckie' from the Rugrats as well as other cartoon and book characters that entertained me when I was a child.

The park offers a number of things for adults and children alike. There are displays from movie sets like the cars from the '2 Fast 2 Furious' movie.

Visitors also get the opportunity to view several 20- to 30 minute shows. Some of the shows include themes based on 'Waterworld,' 'The Terminator,' and 'Spiderman.'

Felicia and I started out with a 20-minute adventure in 'Waterworld'. Scenes from the original movie wowed the crowds and some people got wet, but we were sure to stay clear of the wet areas since it was a cool day.

The Nickelodeon Splash Zone offers a wacky and wild place for children to enjoy and let loose, while adults and children together can enjoy the Back to the Future and Jurassic Park rides.

For people who love to snack, there's plenty to nibble on at Universal Studios. Food courts, frozen treats, cotton candy and popcorn stands tempt visitors with their sweet and alluring smells.

Felicia bought some sweet and sour treats from a candy shop that had more



Airman 1st Class Felicia Williams, 30th Space Wing Safety office examines a gingerbread doll at one of the many souvenir shops.

than 50 different types of candy. As a person who is often afflicted with sudden attacks of the sweet tooth, I couldn't resist her candy and I think I must have eaten half of it.

While Felicia and I were making our way through the park, we made several stops to the souvenir shops that offered things such as T-Shirts, coffee mugs and stuffed version of famous cartoon characters.

As the world's only movie thrill park, Universal Studios ranks high in my book. It offers Team Vandenberg members the opportunity to spend the day letting their hair down just three hours away.



PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JUANIKA GLOVER

The West Coast Crew is the only child act invited to perform on a monthly basis at Universal Studios.



Universal Studios is open year-around for visitors enjoyment.

PARK PRICES, HOURS AND DIRECTIONS:

The services center offers one day tickets for adults and children for \$29 and annual tickets for \$39. For tickets or for more information, call the services center at 606-7976. The park is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekends 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. through April 30 and weekends 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. during May and June. Call 1-800-UNIVERSAL to find out hours for later dates. To get to Universal Studios, Make a right on to Highway 1 from Ocean St. in Lompoc and follow the signs to the Highway 101 Los Angeles exit. Once in Los Angeles, take the Hollywood Freeway exit. Make a right onto the Universal Studios Blvd. exit. Follow the signs to the park.

Community Calendar

23 FRI **S.A.T. information** – Active-duty military members are eligible to take one free Scholastic Aptitude Test per lifetime. The next scheduled test date is today. Call the base education office at 606-5904 for more information.

Baby Meet – needs a new volunteer coordinator. Baby Meet offers discussion and socialization for expectant parents and those with babies newborn through two years old. Call 606-0039 for more information.

Playtime for Tots – needs a new volunteer coordinator. The playgroup is for children age two through five. Call 606-0039 for more information.

Volunteers needed – 7:45 to 11:40 a.m. April 29 Thursday for Career Day at Fesler Junior High School in Santa Maria. Call 606-3595 to volunteer.

Vandenberg Neighborhood Watch – The 30th Security

Forces Squadron Crime Prevention office is organizing neighborhood watches. Residents who would like to pioneer the organization on their block should call 605-0792.

23 FRI **Library volunteer tutors** – The Lompoc Public Library Adult Reading Program seeks volunteers to work with English-speaking adults who want to improve their basic reading and writing skills. Call (805) 735-7323, ext. 16 for more information or to register.

Volunteers needed – Lompoc's Community Kitchen needs volunteers to cook and serve dinner to about 100 community members in need. Dinners are served at 5 p.m. Fridays. Cooking starts at 3 p.m. Call Toni Adams at 736-5455 to sign up.

Low walk-up fares – American Airlines expanded its military fares through the fall. The fares

include no advance-purchase requirements and no change fees. Call (800) 433-7300.

23 FRI **Dads-to-New Dads and Moms-to-New Moms programs** – These mentorship programs offer support to new moms and dads. Call Nancy Sias at 606-5338.

24 SAT **Clean up and fish count** – The Aqualliers Dive Club holds a underwater clean up and fish count from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Refugio State beach. Overnight camping may be available. Call Roy Wurzbach at 733-5026 fore more information.

26 MON **Newcomer's orientation** – 8:30 to 11:55 a.m. Monday at the Pacific Coast Club. Childcare is available. To register call 606-0039 or go to the Web site www.php-ids.com.

Computer resource room – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in the family support

center for customers needing to access the Internet for job searches, relocation assistance, or to stay in touch with family separated because of military service.

26 MON **Stress/Self Management** – 2 to 4 p.m. Monday at the Health and Wellness Center. Call 606-0039 or go to www.PHP-IDS.com to register.

Office Closure – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays the family support center is closed for training. Call 606-0039 for emergencies.

Relaxation room – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Vandenberg HAWC. Call 606-2221 for an appointment.

Pre Seperation Briefing – 8 to 9 a.m. Monday at the family support center. To register go to the Web site www.php-ids.com.

Financial basics – 11 a.m. to noon Monday at the family support center. Call 606-0039 or go to the Web site [www.php-](http://www.php-ids.com)

ids.com to register.

27 TUE **Deployed Spouses Support Group** – 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the HAWC's family services area. Call 606-0039 or go to www.PHP-IDS.com to register.

Single parent support group – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the family support center. To register call 606-0039 or go to the Web site www.php-ids.com.

Disabled American Veterans – Mobile service operations are held at 9 a.m. Tuesdays in the Veterans Memorial Bldg at 108 East Locus Street in Lompoc. Call Dan Contreras at (310) 477-2539 for more information.

Crystal and Basket Bingo – 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Pacific Coast Club. Call 734-2554 or 734-0956 for more information or for reservations.

Youth sign language classes – 3 to 3:50 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the education center room E-4. The class is for children

in third through fifth grades. Call 734-0452 for more information.

27 TUE **Santa Maria 4-Wheelers club** – meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at Round Table Pizza. Call (805) 928-7532.

28 WED **Manage your move** – 8:45 to 11 a.m. Wednesday in the family support center. Call 606-0039 or go to the Web site www.php-ids.com to register.

Winning interview workshop – 1to 3 p.m. at the family support center. Call 606-0039 or go to the Web site www.php-ids.com to register.

Santa Maria Camera Club – meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Arbor View Retirement Center. Call (805) 934-9709.

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Carnival Wrist Band
certificates
for Lompoc's 18th Annual
Spring Arts Festival
April 23, 24, 25

'UNIVERSAL
FRONT-OF-THE-LINE PASS'
\$65 per person all ages
Call us at 606-7976 for more information.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

ATTENTION: CRAFTERS!
Reserve your spaces now
for the

Spring Arts Festival

May 15 • 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
grassy area adjacent to
Surf Lanes bowling center.

ALL CRAFTERS WELCOME!
\$25 one space
\$35 two spaces

Registration closes May 8. Sign up at the
Skills Development Center, 606-6438.

SURF LANES



Learn from a Pro

Get yourself ready for
state's! Tune up your
bowling game with a
private lesson from
Professional Bowlers'
Tour player Mark Baker.
Mark will be conducting one-
on-one private lessons
Saturday at Surf Lanes.
Reserve your half-hour block for
just \$30. Sign-ups are underway, call
606-3209 for more information.

FOOD SERVICE

Upcoming

Food Service Events

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo Meal
Served during lunch at all Dining Facilities

May 14 - Armed Forces Meal
Served during lunch at all Dining Facilities

May 19 - Dining Facility Advisory Board
Meeting at 10 a.m. at Breakers
Asian Heritage Month Meal at all facilities

May 20 - Quarterly Birthday Meal - 2nd
Quarter - doors open at 5 p.m., meal served at
5:30 p.m..

May 30 - Memorial Day Meal - Served
during Brunch at Breakers and Beachcomber

CRUD CRAZINESS is BACK!



**Lots of
local
prizes!**

**TOURNAMENTS
ARE UNDERWAY
AT THE PCC**

**Sign up now for 3-man teams. Winners go on to
Crud Craziiness Championship May 3.**

For more information, contact:

Lt. Christina Frank, 2nd SLS at 606-1258 or Lt. Dwayne Florence, 2nd SLS at 605-1909.

Sponsored by the CGOC.

For official rules and updates see Services website at www.30svs.com



It's time for SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION at the Youth Center

Priority registration for those already enrolled in the school-age program ends today.
To reserve your slot you must return your registration package with a \$20 nonrefundable
registration fee that will be applied to your first week of camp.

Open enrollment is Monday to April 30 on first come first serve basis.

Please contact the Youth Center for more information at 606-2152.

30TH SERVICES SQUADRON

It's here!

An on-line
customer
feedback
system.



Improving
customer
service to
Team
Vandenberg.

Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) System

What is ICE?

A DoD web-based customer feedback system addressing
concerns in Installation Service such as: Administration,
Communications, Dining, Education, Facility Management, Family,
Health, Housing, Operational Support, Recreation, Safety &
Security, Shopping, and Travel & Transportation.

Purpose:

To improve internal customer service - an opportunity for you to
voice "what you like" or "what you dislike and how you want it
changed". ICE will provide fresh and fast information flow between
installation management and customers.

Web Address: <http://ice.disa.mil>

Click on "Vandenberg", select a category from the list, and click on
the info column to see service provider information such as hours of
operation, phone numbers, and upcoming events. Click on the
service provider or fill out a comment card and with a click of the
mouse, you can send it immediately to the manager of the service.
ICE is the difference between the speed of paper and the speed of
electrons!

PACIFIC COAST CLUB

Join us tonight
at the club and
sample this
week's beer!



**AROUND
THE WORLD**

*Twenty Countries,
Twenty Beers*

**A new beer
every week!**



GERMANY



CANADA



PHILIPPINES



MEXICO

Enjoy your trip!

SATURDAY
9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

**Tip-Hop
Old School
R&B**

in the
**E-Lounge
with
DJ Scorpio**



For more information call call the club at 606-3330.

LIBRARY

Dial-A-Story: To hear this week's story, "Honest Lumberjack" call
the Dial-A-Story at 606-4300. Stories are available 24/7, and are updated
every Friday.

Preschool Storytime: Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the base library. For
more information regarding our programs, please call 606-6414.

Patch Club, for students grades second to fifth, meets last Friday of the month.
Each month has a theme and the participants read a book and give a two-
minute presentation relating to that theme. Please call 606-6414 for info.

NAF HUMAN RESOURCES

LOOKING for a JOB?

NAF HUMAN RESOURCES is the place to find one!

Job Openings:

- **Picture Framer** \$9.17hr
- **Recreation Aid** \$6.75hr at the Fitness Center
(M-F 0400 to 1300 & Sat-Sun 0730 to 1830 on a flex schedule)
- **Recreation Assistant** (swim instructor) \$8.18hr
- **Recreation Aid** (life guard) \$6.75hr
- **Cashier-Checker** \$6.75hr (summer position) at the pool
- **Recreation Aid** \$6.75hr at the Golf Course and Youth Center

Applications are now accepted on line: @ www.30svs.com

Please e-mail the completed forms to NAFHRO@vandenberg.af.mil

OUTDOOR RECREATION



RAFTING



Attention Adventure Seekers!

The Vandenberg Rafting Team is gearing up for the
summer rafting season. Volunteers are needed to
become whitewater rafting guides. No experience is
necessary, however the training is physically demanding.
You will be trained in all aspects of whitewater rafting.
For more information or to sign up, please call Outdoor
Recreation at 606-5908 or call Jeff at 605-7617.